WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

 An information processing apparatus comprising: recording controlling means for controlling recording of first data about a developer developing an information processing program;

first providing means for providing information about the development of said information processing program;

judging means for judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said first data have been recorded; and

second providing means for providing said information processing program if the program is judged to function normally.

- 2. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising third providing means for providing development support programs for supporting the development of said information processing program.
- An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reception controlling means for controlling reception of a judging request;

wherein said judging means judges whether said information processing programs functions normally upon

receipt of said judging request.

 An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reception controlling means for controlling reception of a providing request;

wherein said second providing means provides said information processing program upon receipt of said providing request.

5. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

reception controlling means for controlling reception of charging information sent by said developer; and

charging executing means for executing charging based on said charging information.

6. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording controlling means further controls recording of second data about said information processing program;

said information processing apparatus further comprising delivering means for delivering said second data if said judging means judges that said information processing program functions normally.

 An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said delivering means delivers said second data by electronic mail.

- 8. An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said delivering means delivers said second data using a banner advertisement.
- 9. An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said delivering means delivers said second data as data indicative of hardware compatible with said information processing program.
- 10. An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising reception controlling means for controlling reception of a delivery request;

wherein said delivering means delivers said second data upon receipt of said delivery request.

 ${\tt 11.} \ \ \, {\tt An \ information \ processing \ method \ comprising}$ the steps of:

controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program;

firstly providing information about the development of said information processing program;

judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded; and

secondly providing said information processing program if the program is judged to function normally.

12. A program storage medium which stores a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program;

firstly providing information about the development of said information processing program;

judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded; and secondly providing said information processing program if the program is judged to function normally.

13. An information processing apparatus comprising:

recording controlling means for controlling recording of either first data about a developer developing an information processing program, or second data about said information processing program; and

providing means for providing information about the development of said information processing program based on either said first data or said second data.

 $\label{eq:comprising} \textbf{14.} \quad \textbf{An information processing method comprising}$ the steps of:

controlling recording of either first data about a developer developing an information processing program,

or second data about said information processing program; and

providing information about the development of said information processing program based on either said first data or said second data.

15. A program storage medium which stores a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling recording of either first data about a developer developing an information processing program, or second data about said information processing program; and

providing information about the development of said information processing program based on either said first data or said second data.

 $\mbox{ 16. An information processing apparatus } \\ \mbox{comprising:} \\$

recording controlling means for controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program; and

judging means for judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded.

17. An information processing method comprising

the steps of:

controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program; and

judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded.

18. A program storage medium which stores a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program; and

judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded.

 $\mbox{19. An information processing apparatus} \\ \mbox{comprising:} \\$

recording controlling means for controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program;

judging means for judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded: and

providing means for providing said information processing program if the program is judged to function

normally.

 $$20.$\ \mbox{An information processing method comprising}$$ the steps of:

controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program:

judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded; and

providing said information processing program if the program is judged to function normally.

21. A program storage medium which stores a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling recording of data about a developer developing an information processing program;

judging whether said information processing program functions normally after being developed by said developer about whom said data have been recorded; and

providing said information processing program if the program is judged to function normally.